

GREAT DURBAR AT DELHI TOMORROW

The great durbar, or coronation ceremony incident to proclaiming King Edward VII of England as Emperor of India, commences at Delhi tomorrow.

India is far excellence the land of display. This characteristic prevails throughout the length and breadth of the country. It is reflected in the general mode of living observed in the official ranks; in the architecture of the towns, and in the dress of the natives of all but the poorest class. To the oriental mind a gorgeous setting is appropriate to even the most trivial matters. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that when a really important event is in progress—such as the forthcoming durbar ceremony—it is conducted on the most elaborate scale.

The city of Delhi has been selected as the locale of the great spectacle for a variety of reasons. In the first place it is the most conveniently situated town in the whole of India, where a large number of people can be assembled at one time, and in the second it is at Delhi that the last ceremony of the same nature was carried out. This was in 1877, when Lord Lytton (the viceroy of that date) organized the memorable durbar at which Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India.

The arrangements in force on this historic occasion will to a great extent serve as a precedent in the forthcoming one. The splendors of five and twenty years ago, however, are to be eclipsed, for Lord Curzon naturally feels that the fact that the 1903 durbar is a coronation one invests it with special significance. Among the guests at the vice-regal party will be H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, the Duke and Duchess of Portland, Mrs. Craigie, and Mrs. and Miss Leiler.

Many Prominent Guests.

Several members of parliament and a large number of the best-known people in London society have also announced their intention of attending the function. Included in this latter category are the Earl and Countess of Londsdale and the Earl and Countess of Crewe, Lord and Lady Wolverton, Sir Saville, and Lady Crossley. The governors of the different presidencies and Lord Kitchener have also issued invitations to their personal friends. Then over a hundred natives chiefs (each of whom will be accompanied by a considerable retinue of personal followers) are to be present, while some 50,000 troops are already converging on the scene. Altogether the authorities are making arrangements for the presence of about 200,000 individuals.

This large army will during its stay at Delhi be accommodated in a series of camps, occupying in the aggregate an area of thirty miles, formed on a large plain just outside the city. In one portion of this an amphitheater is being constructed, and it is from this point that the viceroy will direct the proceedings. These are to commence at noon on January 1, when, to the accompaniment of a salvo of artillery and the strains of martial music, Lord Curzon will proclaim his majesty, Edward VII, "Emperor of India."

Functions Tomorrow.

Prior to this, however, certain other functions in connection with the actual durbar itself will take place. These are to be inaugurated by the state entry into Delhi of the vice regal party on Monday. Lord Curzon and his suite will arrive in the city on elephants, the animals being encased in the most magnificent fashion imaginable. The "howdah," for example, on which his excellency rides is of purple velvet, heavily adorned with gold and silver and emblazoned with the insignia of royalty. In front are the figures of Britannia and Minerva guarding the imperial crown, while on the panels are the royal arms. The four feet of the "howdah" are formed by representations of the British lion and the Bengal tiger, the unicorn and the dragon, ornamented with various heraldic devices.

Altogether, the ceremonies are to be spread over a period of about a fortnight, and will include displays of fireworks, banquets, military reviews, and investitures of orders and decorations. In connection with this last-named function, it is confidently anticipated that the distribution of "honors"—notably the Star of India—will be on the most lavish scale. A large proportion will be reserved for dignitaries among the natives, while the European civil and military officials will, of course, have their claims to recognition in this manner fully observed.

Open-Air Ceremony.

The ceremony of January 1 will be of an open-air nature entirely. In addition to the actual proclamation, it will include the presentation to the viceroy of the ruling princes and their suites, together with the principal among the native chiefs. These will offer fealty in Oriental fashion to Lord Curzon, as representative of the King-Emperor. In the evening there will be a great state banquet in the fort. This is a building within the city walls which was at one time the palace of the kings of Delhi. It is, despite the "tinkering" it has undergone during its British occupation, still a magnificent specimen of Moslem architecture. It dates from the first half of the seventeenth century, and is the result of over twenty years' labor on the part of an army of workmen, and the expenditure of an almost incredible amount of rupees. Within its walls are contained a number of splendidly designed reception rooms and pavilions, the chief among which is the Hall of Audience. This chamber is specially remarkable for the beauty of its carvings and decorations.

Other Buildings of Note.

Other buildings deserving of note either in Delhi or in the immediate vicinity comprise the Minar Monument, the Black Mosque, and the Jama Masjid (or Great Mosque). This last was erected by the celebrated Shah Jahan and is considered to be one of the finest edifices of the kind to be met with in any part of the world. Five thousand men were employed continuously for six years in its construction. It is composed of red sandstone, with white marble domes and minarets of pink and white in alternate stripes, sharply silhouetted against the

sky. As may be imagined, the general effect is striking in the extreme.

Turf-Covered Plain.

A mile to the northwest of Delhi is a turf-covered plain known as "The Ridge" and famous for all time in English history as the scene of countless gallant exploits on the part of the British troops when the city was held by the mutineers in the memorable campaign of 1857. After four months' continuous fighting by day and night a breach was effected in the walls and the revolting Sepoys (who, during their occupancy of the town, had cruelly massacred all the Europeans) put to flight. In commemoration of the splendid bravery of those soldiers who fell in the siege the government shortly afterward erected a memorial. It is built of the all-prevailing red sandstone, and takes the form of an eight-sided Gothic spire. The architecture is essentially British, and suggests nothing so much as a Wesleyan mission house.

The Silver Street.

The principal street of Delhi is the Chandni Chauk (or "Silver Street"). It is a broad, well-laid-out thoroughfare, lighted by electricity, and is three-quarters of a mile in length. It contains several handsome public buildings, conspicuous among which are the Clock Tower and the Institute, with the municipal offices and museum forming a part of the same block. The shops (or "dookans," in the native language) in this street are chiefly occupied by goldsmiths and jewelers, for whose products, by the way, Delhi has considerable reputation. There is also in the town a large boot factory, concerning which rather an amusing story is told. It appears that a large supply of boots was once wanted for the Middlesex Regiment, which at the time was quartered in the vicinity. The commanding officer accordingly instructed the native foreman to send the necessary number of pairs. As time went on and the goods failed to arrive a telegram of inquiry was dispatched. This elicited the following reply: "Let us see, we know, also female sex. Middlesex, however, not familiar. Please send specimen."

Near the Chandni Chauk are the public gardens. These are beautifully arranged, and are the great resort of the protectional classes when the heat of the day has somewhat subsided. On certain evenings in the week one or other of the bands of the different regiments stationed in the garrison plays in them for a couple of hours.

ELKINS URGES NEGRO FOR LIBERIAN MINISTER

Rumored That Present Incumbent Will Be Relieved—Callers at White House.

Senator Elkins of West Virginia was a caller at the White House offices twice yesterday. He came in the morning with Senator Scott and, finding that the President had gone out riding, made an appointment for the afternoon. At 4 o'clock he saw the President.

The West Virginia Senators were desirous of urging a colored man from that State for a position in the diplomatic service. According to a rumor, the present minister to Liberia, John R. A. Crossland, will shortly be relieved of his post, in consequence of charges filed against him. Mr. Elkins learned, however, that the President cannot consider any candidate for the position at this time. Mr. Elkins' candidate was C. H. Payne, of Huntington.

"He is splendidly equipped, mentally and in every other way," said the Sen-

ator, with the customary feeling of pride which a statesman evinces in his constituents. "He is an orator, and could gather a crowd of people—white people, too—anywhere he chose to make an address. He has the respect of the people in our State and I was hoping to see him soon in some such diplomatic post as that of Liberia."

Senator Culberson and Representative Cooper of Texas introduced to the President George G. Green, United States marshal for the Northern district of Texas. His term is soon to expire and the Texas machine is reported to be trying to prevent his reappointment. A brief statement of the situation was made to the President.

Secretary Hay had a half hour's conference with the President in the afternoon.

SCHOONER ASHORE OFF NEW JERSEY COAST

Crews Work in Nipping Cold to Keep Out Water—Aided by Life-Savers.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 27.—The three-masted schooner, Mary Prescott, 140 feet in length, drove ashore this morning on a bar near Little Beach Life-Saving Station, three miles above Atlantic City.

The schooner sprang a leak shortly after grounding at 7 a. m. The Little Beach and Little Egg Harbor Life-Saving crews went aboard and worked with the vessel's crew to keep the water out of the hold. She has a cargo of lumber, and there is imminent fear that she will go to pieces.

The nipping cold weather is making the work of the seamen difficult. The wrecking tug, North America, from Philadelphia, arrived this afternoon, and is preparing to try to pull the schooner off.

WILL OF ELIJAH BOOSE.

The will of Elijah Boose, dated December 1, was filed yesterday for probate in the office of the Register of Wills for the District. He leaves his estate to his wife, Sallie Boose.

BULLET FOUND IN BRAIN OF TRACK WALKER

Jacob Bostic Apparently Murdered and Body Placed on Track.

LANCASTER, Dec. 27.—The body of Jacob H. Bostic, the Pennsylvania Railroad trackwalker who was killed on Saturday night, December 13, near Bainbridge, was exhumed yesterday in the Maytown Cemetery, and Coroner Witmer conducted a post-mortem examination in the hope of finding evidence that would lead to the detection of the murderers.

The district attorney believed that Bostic had first been shot, and the bullet proved correct, for a twenty-two caliber bullet was found in the base of the brain. It is now conjectured that the murderers first shot their victim and that the bullet not proving effective, he was then clubbed to death, the club being found near the scene of the crime.

Strong evidence has been secured against Clarence McCoy and William Guterman, who are in jail awaiting a hearing on the murder charge.

The finding of the bullet is considered an important clue, as one of the men had a twenty-two caliber revolver on his person when arrested.

ALASKANS TO PRESS TERRITORY'S CLAIMS

Many Abuses Alleged to Exist There.

Before Congress adjourns a large representation of Alaskans will arrive here to press the claims of that territory for amended laws to take the place of many of their now claims are unjust and unreasonable. Already there are a number of Alaskans on the scene and all are busy interviewing the Senators and Representatives as to the proposed changes.

Although there are but 55,000 people on the peninsula, the thought of Statehood is in the mind of almost every citizen, and it may not be many years until they will make the appeal for admission. At present, however, the time of the lobbyists now in the city is occupied in urging amendments to the tax laws.

"Just think," said one Alaskan last night, "that every mile of railroad built in Alaska is taxed \$100, while in the Western States as much as \$1,000 bonus is given for every mile of railroad constructed. Alaska pays into the United States \$100,000 in taxes every year, and that sum is far in excess of the States themselves, proportionately."

"Every month sees new faces in our country and it will be but a few years until we will have 500,000 people in Alaska. Alaska will produce more gold, I predict, than all the rest of the world. It will be but a brief period until all her output will have exceeded that of California in all the years of that State's production."

"We are opposed to the methods of the United States officials in Alaska, or a part of them at least. I am here to complain of the actions of some of the deputies who have willfully violated the laws they are supposed to enforce. They have even confined to rob miners out of their claims, and in many cases have succeeded."

"If the Government will only send us good honest marshals and deputies and compel them to look after the duties of their offices instead of trying to enrich their pockets, we will have the best country in the whole world. If they do not, then the Government must expect to abide by the results of the quick judgment which some of these rough miners are likely to mete out."

OVERDOSE OF LAUDANUM.

William P. Fry, thirty-one years old, took a dose of laudanum yesterday afternoon at his home, 224 Eleventh Street northwest. He was removed to the Emergency Hospital, where he soon recovered.

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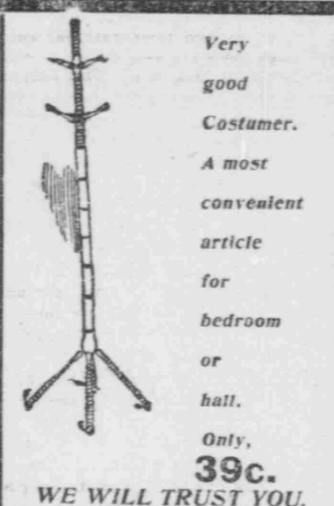
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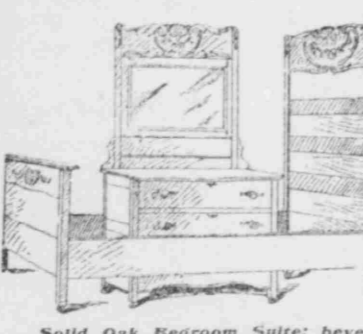
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